

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2020
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Green Lantern Solar – Net Metering Agreement proposal
 - Request to extend due date for taxes/waive late payment penalty
 - Jonas Rosenthal and Sheryl Porrier – Summer Recreation
- 4) Road Report
 - Class 2 paving
 - York Street Extension culvert
- 5) Town Manager’s Report
 - Selectboard interest
 - East Poultney Gorge Bridge
 - Economic Developer Position – Sarah Pelkey and JC Consulting
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Fourth of July Celebration
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer’s Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller, and Carol Bunce. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Jonas Rosenthal, Mark Teetor, Sarah Pelkey, Alan-Glen Burnell and Luke Shullenberger.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the agenda. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns: Paul Donaldson had circulated a proposal from Green Lantern Solar for the Town of Poultney to enter into a Net Metering Agreement. Luke Shullenberger from Green Lantern Solar gave the presentation. Essentially, the agreement would be to enter into a 20-year agreement, with an average savings of the town of approximately \$900.00 per year. Discussion followed. The board will consider the proposal.

Paul Donaldson stated that a couple of tax payers had requested whether the town would consider extending tax due date/waive late payment penalty. Discussion followed. No motions made.

Jonas Rosenthal discussed whether there should be a summer recreation program this year given the COVID guidelines from the governor. The last guideline from the governor was no more than 10 people in the program at one time. Jonas to review those guidelines and discuss with Sheryl Porrier. The schools will be closed to all use for some time; not sure where the State Park is with re-opening. They plan to maybe whittle it down to 15 programs.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported:

- We have applied for Class 2 paving grants;
- Prepared to advertise for York Street culvert and Endless Brook Road projects;
- Continue to wait for FEMA response for the reimbursement;
- We need to visit Ames Hollow Road, Donaldson to set a meeting for the same;
- The crew repaired culvert on Lakeview Road;
- Mark Teetor asked when culvert of Ferncliff Road will be repaired. Ron Kelley stated he needs to receive a Shoreland Permit from the State for that project; it is on the list.

- Ron would like to pave Stonehedge Road, but we need to see where the budget/tax revenue before we can commit to that.

Town Managers Report:

-Paul Donaldson had circulated a letter from the State of Vermont advising the town that they recommend closing the East Poultney Gorge Bridge within 30 days. If we do not close the bridge, we will receive no state or federal funding for the replacement bridge. Discussion followed. The letter states vehicular traffic must be stopped. Discussion re: liability for pedestrian and bike traffic. Terry Williams made a motion to close the bridge by May 22, 2020 to all traffic. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

-Discussion about meeting May 25, 2020 since it is Memorial Day. We will have a meeting on that day.

-Terry Williams asked about disposal of paints. Paul Donaldson stated RCSWD is not doing hazardous materials pick up. Terry heard State is not taking old paint either.

Discussion re: Memorial Day Parade. Carol Bunce made a motion to cancel the parade and ceremony. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion re: Fourth of July Celebration. Carol Bunce made a motion to cancel the parade and fireworks/elementary school festivities. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Sarah Pelkey advised the board what she and Cecelia Ward have been working on. Discussion followed. Discussion re: 4th of July displays. She is working on the VOREC grant, EPA grant, and discussing other options for Poultney Comes Together.

The board discussed Alan-Glen Burnell's interest in joining the Selectboard. Sheryl Porrier has also expressed interest but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Transact any Other Lawful Business:

None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders:

Terry Williams made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson